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Occupied Germany:

In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ended 3 August 1946.

Communicable Diseases:

Reports for the week ended 3 August indicate that the outbreak of paratyphoid fever in Bavaria and of food poisoning in Greater Hesse reported during the previous week are now both under control. Two cases of typhus fever have been reported this week; one case in Ober and Mittelfranken, and one in Schwaben, Land Bavaria. Twenty cases of malaria were reported for the current week, the lowest number reported since the week ending 29 June 1946, with both Bavaria and US Sector Berlin showing a decrease. Diphtheria has again shown an increase over the previous week with the increase taking place in Greater Hesse, Wuerttemberg-Baden, and US Sector Berlin. All three Laender, Bremen, and US Sector Berlin have shown an increase in reported cases of tuberculosis with the result that the total for the Zone has increased by more than 200 cases. Whooping cough has increased nearly fifty percent over the previous week in Bavaria but has decreased in both Greater Hesse and Wuerttemberg-Baden. Sixteen cases of poliomyelitis were reported for the week as compared with seven during the previous week.

Medical Supplies:

In Land Wuerttemberg-Baden it has been discovered that some captured enemy pharmaceutical machines, which were turned over to a German chemical company last year by the 7th Army are not being used. Action has been taken to start utilization of these machines. Also, in Bavaria action has been taken to clarify procurement of precious metal needed by the dental profession.

Nutrition:

Land Wuerttemberg-Baden reports that surveys of Stuttgart, Heilbronn, and Goeppingen indicate that children in those localities are showing definite signs of physical and mental deterioration as the result of inadequate diet. Also, the schools in these cities report high incidence of absenteeism and illness associated with undernourishment. Weight statistics from both nutrition surveys and school weighing programs indicate the greatest loss of weight to be between the ages of 10—14 years. In all cities studied, persons over 60 years of age, especially women, continue to show marked loss of weight. Persons in the age group of 40—60 years are at a critical level of 10% below standard body weight and those over 60 are definitely beyond the critical level of weight loss. Street weighing statistics substantiate the reports of surveys by the nutrition teams. Wuerttemberg-Baden also reports that among the refugees and expellees returning to Germany the nutritional status satisfactory except in women over 60 years of age. The children are in a good state of nutrition with only the 6—9 year group one percent under normal weight, all others exceeding the normal levels.

APPENDIX "A"

**Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 3 August 1946**

Regierungs- bezirk		Popu- lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																							
			c	d	c	d	c	d	c	d	c	d	c	d												
TOTAL US Zone	£ 16,201,284	c 2 p 1	—	—	695	153	919	142	834	8	16	26662	822	99	45	34	28	2	7	3106	—	3	20	23	2	
Mainfranken	935,625	c — p —	—	—	28	5	65	15	55	—	—	41	18	8	7	1	6	—	1	181	—	—	—	—	—	
Ober- und Mittelfranken	2,166,033	c 1 p —	—	—	83	11	114	5	59	2	3	405	145	11	2	5	2	—	—	605	—	1	—	—	—	
Niederbayern und Oberpfalz	1,866,526	c — p —	—	—	56	9	64	6	90	1	—	309	71	15	1	—	—	—	—	511	—	1	1	—	—	
Schwaben	1,040,631	c 1 d 1	—	—	42	14	40	1	120	1	3	106	51	8	4	—	—	—	—	192	—	—	—	—	—	
Oberbayern	2,160,916	c — d —	—	—	61	29	79	12	107	—	—	415	114	12	19	2	1	1	—	280	—	1	1	—	1	
Kassel	1,153,323	c — p —	—	—	71	15	63	8	22	1	—	151	34	1	—	—	—	—	—	106	—	—	3	—	—	
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	c — p —	—	—	58	5	101	14	58	3	—	335	123	6	6	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	2	—	—	
Hessen	1,178,132	c — p —	—	—	45	11	82	10	75	—	—	249	68	4	1	—	—	—	—	5	276	—	—	—	21	
Baden	1,249,127	c — p —	—	—	84	9	84	17	93	—	—	184	36	10	2	3	—	—	—	—	822	—	—	1	—	—
Württemberg	2,044,156	c — p —	—	—	95	23	87	11	155	—	9	208	50	18	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	107	—	2	—	
Bremen Port Command	£ 478,106	c — p —	—	—	26	1	32	8	—	—	—	1	1	148	42	—	4	1	4	—	—	212	—	1	12	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	c — p —	—	—	72	22	140	43	—	—	—	259	112	6	3	23	—	—	—	—	+	9	—	—	+	

+ No data submitted. £ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.

**APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 3 August 1946**

Land	Popu- lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																		c: Cases	d: Deaths											
		Cases, Deaths	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	House borne Typhus Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Pestilence	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis Lung	Tuberculosis other	Pneumonia	Meningitis	Gonorrhœa	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Diarrhoeal Infection	Rabies	Influenza	Measles										
Bavaria	8,169,731	c 2 p 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	270	68	362	39	431	4	6	1276	399	54	33	8	9	1	1769	—	3	—	162	—	1			
Greater Hesse	3,793,452	c —	—	—	—	—	—	—	174	31	246	32	155	4	—	735	225	11	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	408	—	—	23	31	
Württemberg-Baden	3,293,283	c —	—	—	—	—	—	—	179	32	171	28	248	—	10	392	86	28	2	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	38
Bremen Port Command	478,106	c —	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	1	32	8	—	1	1	148	42	—	4	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	c —	—	—	—	—	—	—	72	22	140	43	—	—	—	—	259	112	6	3	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,169,731	.13	—	—	—	—	—	—	17.17	4.32	23.02	2.48	27.41	.25	.38	81.15	25.38	3.43	2.0	.51	.57	.06	.06	112.51	—	.19	—	10.30			
Greater Hesse	3,793,452	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.85	4.25	33.73	4.39	21.75	.55	—	100.77	30.85	1.51	.96	—	2.60	—	.68	55.94	—	—	.68	3.15	4.25		
Württemberg-Baden	3,293,283	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.26	5.05	27.00	4.42	39.16	—	1.58	61.90	13.58	4.42	.31	.47	—	16.16	146.69	—	—	.47	—	6.00			
Bremen Port Command	478,106	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.78	1.09	34.80	8.70	—	1.09	1.09	160.96	45.68	—	4.35	1.09	4.35	—	—	230.57	—	—	1.09	13.05	—		
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39.63	12.1	77.06	23.61	—	—	—	—	142.55	61.54	3.30	1.65	12.66	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

+ No data submitted

APPENDIX "B"

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 3 August 1946

Regierungs-Bezirk	Popula-tion	Total US Zone	US Zone	Plague	Cholera	Smallpox	Typhus Fever	Louseborne Fever	Relapsing Fever	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis Lung & Larynx	Cough	Whooping Cough	Gonorrhœa	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery, Infectious	Bac't. Food Poisoning	Infectious Jaundice	Rabies	Encephalitis	Malaria	Influenza	Measles		
Mainfranken	935,625	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.31	4.91	129,504,5626,77	.26	.51	85,4529,393,181,44	1.09	.90	.06	.22	99,70	—	.10	.64	.747,41
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	.24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.56	2,783,6138,3430,57	—	—	22,7910,004,453,89	.55	3.33	—	.55	100,60	—	.55	—	.55	—	—	3.33		
Niederbayern und Oberpfalz	1,866,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.93	2,642,7371,2014,16	.48	.72	97,2434,812,64	.48	1.20	.48	—	—	145,26	—	.24	—	—	—	5.04		
Schwaben	1,040,631	.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.99	6.99	19.99	.50	1,505,2,9725,484,002,00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
Oberbayern	2,160,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.68	6.98	19.01	2,8925,74	—	—	99,8527,432,894,57	.48	.24	.24	—	67,37	.24	.24	—	—	30,80		
Kassel	1,153,323	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.01	6.76	28,41	3,61	.99	.45	—	68,0815,33	.45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.16	
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.63	1.78	35,924,9820,63	1.07	—	119,16	43,752,132,13	—	6.76	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Hessen	1,178,132	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.86	4.85	36,194,4133,10	—	—	103,91	30,011,76	.44	—	—	—	2.21	121,63	—	—	—	—	9.27,0.59	
Baden	1,249,127	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34.97	3.75	34,977,0838,71	—	.42	76,6014,994,16	.83	1.25	—	—	342,20	—	.42	—	—	—	—		
Württemberg	2,044,156	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.17	5.85	22,132,8039,43	—	2,295,2,9112,724,58	—	—	.25	.25	27,22	—	.51	—	—	—	—	9.67		
Bremen Port Command	£ 478,106	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.28	1.09	34,808,70	—	1.09	1,09160,96	45,68	—	4,35	1.09	4.35	—	—	230,57	—	1,0913,05	—		
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39.63	12,11	77,0623,67	—	—	142,55	61,643,301,65	12,61	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
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(Rates Expressed as per population 10,000 per Annum.)

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